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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 1, relative to criminal offenses involving manufacturers of alcoholic beverages or beer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new Part 3:

Section 57-1-30__.

(a) By July 1, 1998, the department of safety shall devise a chart for the purpose of allowing a person to determine the approximate percentage of alcohol concentration in the person's blood following consumption of alcoholic beverages of various types and the rate by which such percentage increases following consumption of additional alcoholic beverages. Such chart shall be arranged according to the approximate weight of the person consuming the alcoholic beverage and shall have clearly printed upon it that factors such as body type and condition, medication, fatigue, food, rate of consumption and alcohol content of the beverage will have an effect upon the person's tolerance and reaction to the amount of alcohol consumed.

(b) Upon its completion, the department shall make available a copy of such chart to all manufacturers of alcoholic beverages or beer located in this state and to all licensed wholesalers of alcoholic beverages or beer.

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(c) After December 31, 1998, no manufacturer may distribute any alcoholic beverage or beer in this state unless the blood alcohol concentration chart devised by the department of safety pursuant to this section appears in easily visible size on each alcoholic beverage or beer container distributed.

(d) It is a Class C misdemeanor for the manufacturer of an alcoholic beverage or beer to knowingly distribute in this state any alcoholic beverage or beer container that does not contain the chart required by subsection (c) of this section. Each alcoholic beverage or beer container distributed in this state in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.